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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Friday* 12:15 PM

*Currently suspended - view online only

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

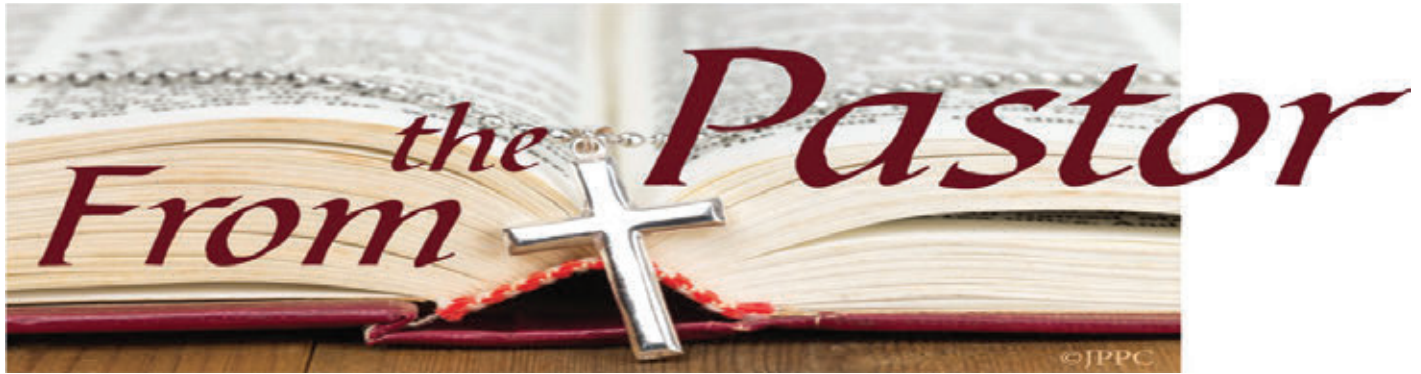
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

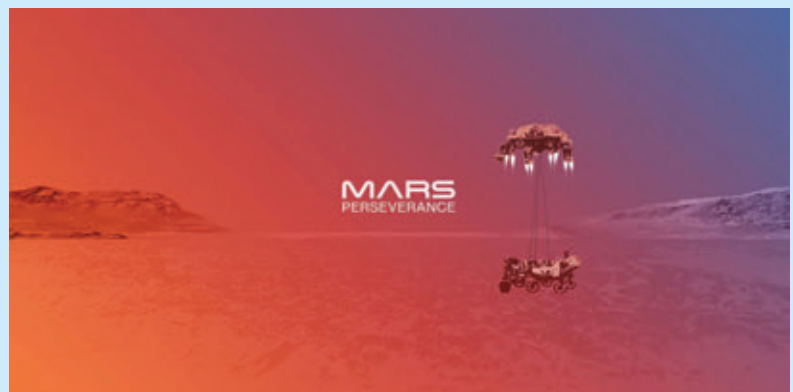


It was late and this little guy was already in bed when his father awakened him. “What?” “Huh?” I had been fast asleep. “I want you to see this,” he said. He plopped me down on the bed in front of the little black and white TV in my parents’ bedroom. My mother was there too, in her night robe. “Here, look at this,” my father said. “This is history.” All I know is that I was tired, but my dad wouldn’t let me sleep. “This is history,” he repeated pointing at the TV. “Remember this.” On the screen was a grainy picture of a little space ship. Soon, a suited spaceman emerged and a voice scratchy, distant, and somewhat hard to understand was heard: “This is one small step for man and one giant leap for mankind.” My father’s eyes were red as were mine, but his red eyes weren’t from being tired. My father was always fascinated with space and space travel. As a boy, he must have fallen asleep dreaming about it influenced by the likes of *Flash Gordon*, *Buck Rogers*, Jules Verne, and H.G. Wells. My father was right. It *was* a

historic moment and I *would* forever remember. We have now become somewhat more accustomed to space exploration, since that summer of 1969. There followed other Apollo missions, Skylab, the Space Shuttle era, the International Space Station, and any number of various space probes. A week before last Thursday (on Feb. 18), NASA excitedly reported on their latest mission: the Rover spacecraft, *Perseverance*, successfully landed on Mars. My father would have been keenly interested. Although we have already seen images of Mars and its surface, each new mission brings with it new information and increases our experience. The goal is a manned mission to Mars, perhaps as soon as 2030. Astronauts are already beginning to train for it and the exhibit on prepping for manned Martian flights that I saw a few years ago at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral was quite interesting. The film, *The Martian*, with Matt Damon, was well done and portrays much of the technology that will be needed to reach the Red Planet. The current Rover mission will help us to get there. Space exploration has been in the mind of man since time immemorial. It might be likened to our annual Lenten “exploration.” As space exploration has taken place incrementally with our first having had to imagine it with the help of *Flash* and *Buck*, so too perhaps, concerning the vast recesses of Lent. For many of us, it is as if we are still looking through our telescopes with comic book in hand. Our goal needs to be great and grand. It might very well seem impossible and for those who say that it can’t be done, it is impossible, but the word “impossible” has no place in Christianity. How wonderful it will be witnessing a man or woman set foot on the Red Planet for the first time as we watch history unfold in color on our HD, 4K, or Hologram TVs of the future. It will be far more wonderful still, when after having explored the vast recesses of Lent, little by little over the years, our epic journey arrives finally at a place called Resurrection! Let the countdown to liftoff begin...

Peace!

Fr. Wilson





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| MONDAY | MARCH 1 |
| 8:30 AM | Thomas Oscar Miller |
| TUESDAY | MARCH 2 |
| 8:30 AM | Tom Bunting |
| WEDNESDAY | MARCH 3 |
| 8:30 AM | Father Tom Furey |
| THURSDAY | MARCH 4 |
| 8:30 AM | No Mass |

Friday—Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.

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| FRIDAY | MARCH 5 |
| 12:15 PM | Margaret Badke |

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

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| SATURDAY | MARCH 6 |
| 8:30 AM | Tom Bunting |
| 4:30 PM | Cathryn Hagan |
| SUNDAY | MARCH 7 |
| 8:30 AM | Frances Trout (Chi-Chi) |
| 11:00 AM | People of Holy Cross |

On-Line Giving

Join the growing number of Holy Cross Parishioners who contribute to the Sunday offertory by electronic means. It is convenient and easy. Please visit our website and click on "Our Parish" and then the "Parish Giving" tab or contact the business office for assistance.



Sunday Collection, February 21

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| <i>Total Collection</i> | <i>\$6,476</i> |
| <i>Electronic</i> | <i>\$3,007</i> |
| <i>Basket and Mail-ins</i> | <i>\$3,469</i> |

Observance of the 24-Hours for The Lord Additional opportunities for Confessions during Lent

March 12-13, 2021

The Holy Father's invitation in his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et misera*, at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, asked parishes to continue to arrange for 24 Hours for the Lord, on the Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday of Lent for the good of the people. St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill, a partnering parish with Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights, and St. Hedwig Chapel, Chester, PA, will sponsor this observance with the following hours with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Penance (Confessions).

Friday, March 12, 2021

1:30—2:30 PM and 7:00—8:00 PM

Saturday, March 13, 2021

11:30 AM—12:30 PM and 4:30—5:15 PM

In addition, St. Anne's Chapel in St. Charles Borromeo Church is a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Please call the Rectory for the code to unlock the secure door.



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The Corner

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"Whatever our mind has been thinking of before the hour of prayer, that thought is sure to occur to us while we are praying, for the mind in prayer is formed by its previous condition....

....So if we do not want anything to haunt us while we are praying, we should be careful before our prayer to exclude it from the shrine of our heart."

---St John Cassian "Conferences"

Catholic Charities Appeal



The 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia area. Visit catholiccharities-appeal.org to make your donation today!

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you would like a tax contribution statement for 2020, please email the office at contact-us@holycrosscatholics.org or call the Business Office at 610-626-3321. Thank you for your continued generosity, especially during this past year.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry continues to provide food and supplies to our most in need using a drive-thru behind our school every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00. If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please share this info.

Our client volume is still high and thanks to all of you, we are able to meet their needs.

Our Knights of Columbus did a "Souper Bowl" collection, which helped fill our shelves and the Clifton Heights Acme is providing their "Feed Our Community" Super Bowl collection exclusively to our pantry.

If you are able, we are in need of pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, beans, canned fruit, paper towels and toilet paper. You can either leave your donations in the church or drop off in the silver trash cans (please ensure the lids are on tight after you fill them) outside the pantry.

Please stay warm and safe and Thank You for all your prayers and support.

God Bless all of you,
Your Friends from the SVDP Food Pantry



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DELAWARE COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER

Delaware County Pregnancy Center, located at 2508 Edgemont Ave. in Chester, is in need of volunteers, especially advocates to counsel and minister to our clients, ultrasound technicians, nurses and doctors. Through their services, DCPC offers hope and life to women and families with unplanned pregnancies free of charge. If you can help at any time, please contact Destiny Diggs, Exec. Director, for further details by email at ddiggs@dcpcchester.org or by phone at 610-872-2229. The Center is open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM. For more information about DCPC, see dcpcchester.org.

Holy Cross Development Fundraiser

HOOPS MANIA



The Development Committee is running an exciting sweepstakes based on college basketball! Each card contains 8 random teams, seeded #1 thru #8, in college basketball's championship tournament. The teams for each seed # are announced a week before the tournament begins. To play, simply add up the points your teams score throughout the entire tournament. The scores are tracked automatically and you will be notified if you win! Prizes range from \$30 to \$1,000. Tickets will be sold after Masses. Each ticket is \$20.00.



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7th Grade Practice Scholarship Exam!

When: Saturday, March 6

Time: 8:30 AM—11:30 AM

Register today:

www.cohs.com/apps/pages/visit

Make sure to use the code Z3 to enter the registration page.

Contact: admissions@cohhs.com or 610-544-3800

Casserole collection for St. John's Hospice

There will be **NO** casserole collection until further notice. The truck for St. John's Hospice is inoperable and in need of repairs.



MAN UP PHILLY

2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Man Up Philly 2021 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 13th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. The Man Up Philly volunteer team has made the decision to change the format to a Virtual Event out of an abundance of caution given the COVID-19 status. The virtual conference will be available via a webcast and tickets will be available for a reduced cost of \$10. All men - fathers, sons, brothers, friends—are encouraged to join for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith! For more information and to register, visit MANUPPHILLY.COM

"Everything You Wanted to Know About the Sacraments but Were Afraid to Ask!" (Part 2)

Tuesdays, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23

7:00 to 8:30 PM via Zoom.

Please join St. Augustine Parish as we host five virtual discussions during LENT on the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony & Holy Orders. Why confession? Can't I just tell God I'm sorry? Why are Last Rites now called Anointing of the Sick? We will discuss and answer these and other questions you may have.

3/2 Anointing of the Sick—Rev. Zachary Navit, JD, MA, MDiv

3/9 Matrimony—Deacon Mike and Cathy Kubiak

3/16 Holy Orders—Rev. Don Reilly, OSA, MA, MDiv

3/23 "How Does It All Come Together" - Rev. Msgr. Michael Magee, STD, SLL, MA, MDiv

For details, visit www.st-augustinechurch.com

Principal's Corner



We are currently taking registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have a child(ren) who are ready to come to school, please consider your parish school. Our grades consist of Pre-K3 to 8th grade.

Our students learn in an environment where Jesus is the reason we exist. In addition to spiritual development, we provide a challenging curriculum along with social and emotional growth.

We have a dedicated faculty who have been able to provide in-person instruction as well as virtual instruction. Students are taught in a loving and caring environment.

We recently added more Chromebooks to our current number, so at some point soon, the students will be one-on-one. We have added more access points to enhance the Internet. We continue to upgrade or update our school to enhance student learning.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709. We would love to provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision.

Saint Katharine Drexel Feast Day

March 3, 2021

All are welcome to attend the Sung Mass at the Shrine within the Cathedral Basilica at 12:05 PM. The Mass will be streamed live via <https://vimeo.com/event/17522> and on the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ArchPhila>.

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